s17 Geometric Series Exam (Practice v29)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a=896, common ratio $r=\left(\frac{5}{14}\right)^{1/10}$, and n=10 terms.

$$S = 896 + 808.34 + 729.25 + 657.9 + 593.53 + 535.46 + 483.07 + 435.81 + 393.17 + 354.7$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS = 808.34 + 729.25 + 657.9 + 593.53 + 535.46 + 483.07 + 435.81 + 393.17 + 354.7 + 320$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 5 + 5(4) + 5(4)^{2} + 5(4)^{3} + \cdots + 5(4)^{78} + 5(4)^{79} + 5(4)^{80} + 5(4)^{81}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.